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(Host) Congressman Peter Welch is fighting a proposal in Washington that would prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from regulating greenhouse gases.

A bill that's moving through the house would prevent the E-P-A from considering greenhouse gases air pollutants.

Welch says the proposal would have the effect of abolishing the clean air act. He says supporters have come to the conclusion that global warming is a hoax.

(Welch) "It flies in the face of the unanimous conclusion of American scientists, 97 percent, that global warming is real and that it's manmade."

(Host) Welch says he'll fight the bill because he thinks it is not in the nation's best long-term interests.

He argues that dealing with pollution will help to reduce the U-S reliance on foreign oil.

Welch unsuccessfully tried to amend the bill earlier this week to repeal tax breaks for oil companies. He also would have strengthened the E-P-A's energy efficiency program known as Energy Star.